

REMARKS

Claims 10, 12-15, 17, and 21-32 are now pending in the application. Applicants canceled claims 1-9, 11, 16, and 18-20. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objections and rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

In accordance with MPEP § 609, Applicants have submitted a timely Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") for consideration by the Examiner. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner, in advance, for his time and patience for considering and reviewing the submitted art that is disclosed in the IDS. Additionally, Applicants would like to apologize for any inconvenience that this timely submission may cause the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for stating that claims 20-23 contain allowable subject matter if Applicants rewrite claims 20-23 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In keeping with the spirit of the Examiners remarks, Applicants amended claim 10 to include all the limitations of claim 20 including intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants believe that claim 10 is now in a form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-15, 17, 24-32 depend on claim 10. Since claim 10 now contains allowable subject matter and is patentable, claims 12-15, 17, 24-32 now contain allowable subject matter and are patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 10. Therefore, Applicants believe that claims 12-15, 17, 24-32 are now in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Goldberg (5,423,723) in view of Pong et al (5,451,071). Claims 10, 11, 16, 17 and 14-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Forcillo (6,669,603) in view of Pong et al (5,451,071). Additionally, claims 12, 13, 18, 19, and 28-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious Forcillo (6,669,603) in view of Pong et al (5451,071) in further view

Huang (5,351,980) and still in further view Harris (6,413,191). Each rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants canceled claims 1-9 to permit the present application to issue. Thus, this rejection is moot. Applicants, however, reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a later filed continued application.

Applicants amended claim 10 to include the limitations of claim 20, which the Examiner has asserted has allowable subject matter and is patentable. Applicants have amended this claim to permit the present application to issue. However, Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claim 10 as originally filed in a later filed continued application. Thus, claim 10 is now in a condition for allowance and contains patentable subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and remove this rejection.

Applicants also canceled claims 11, 16, and 18-19 in order to allow issue of this application. Thus, this rejection is moot. Applicant, however, reserves the right to prosecute each claim in a later filed continued application.

Claims 12-15, 17, 24-32 depend on claim 10; and claim 10 now contains patentable subject matter and is allowable. As previously stated, Applicants amended claim 10 to permit issuance of this application. Thus, Applicants also reserve the right to file each of claims 12-15, 17, 24-32 as originally filed in a later filed continued application. Claims 12-15, 17, 24-32 now contain patentable subject matter and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 10. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and remove this rejection.

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office action of April 14, 2006. A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the April 14, 2006 Office action is hereby requested, making this Amendment and Response due on or before Monday, October 16, 2006, since October 14, 2006 fell on a Saturday. The Examiner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$1,020.00 for the extension of time fee and \$180.00 for the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement, for a total of \$1,200.00. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing this Amendment and

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Response. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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